

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A multiple platform architecture data reporting system for managing attribute data, the system comprising:

a system manager for collecting attribute data from multiple platforms; and

a user interface connected to the system manager for displaying the collected attribute data to a user.

2. A multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in claim 1 wherein the system manager comprises memory for storing attribute data collected by the system manager.

3. A method for managing attribute data in a multiple platform architecture, the method comprising the steps of:

polling at least two platforms for attribute data;

collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling; and

displaying the collected attribute data on a user display.

4. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of polling at least two platforms for attribute data further comprises the step of automatically polling the at least two platforms during power on of at least one of the at least two platforms.

5. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of polling at least two platforms for attribute data further comprises the step of polling at least one of the at least two platforms when polling is initiated by a user request.

6. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling further comprises the step of collecting the copyright information from the at least two platforms.

7. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling further comprises the step of collecting the license information from the at least two platforms.

8. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the step of polling further comprises the step of storing the attribute data in non-volatile memory.

9. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises the step of automatically displaying the attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

10. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises the step of manually displaying the attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

11. A method as in claim 3 wherein the step of displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises the step of displaying only non-common attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

12. A software copyright information managing system for managing software copyright data in a multiple platform electronic architecture, the system comprising:

a system controller for collecting the software copyright data from multiple platforms;

a user interface connected to the system controller for displaying the software copyright data from the memory to a user.

13. A software copyright information managing system as in claim 12 wherein the system controller for collecting the software copyright data from multiple platforms further comprises a memory for storing the software copyright data collected by the system controller.

14. A software copyright information managing system as in claim 13 wherein the memory for storing the software copyright data collected by the system controller further comprises non-volatile memory.